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COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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**SUBJECT: CONFORMANCE OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)
WITH STANDARDS ON SANITATION, WASTE DISPOSAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW**

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In the interest of public health and safety, particularly of students, faculty and non-teaching personnel of higher education institutions (HEIs), the Commission on Higher Education hereby directs/enjoins all heads of HEIs to conduct appropriate and effective measures to ensure that all campus facilities and premises are properly maintained according to sanitation and hygiene standards as prescribed by law.

The Commission further enjoins all heads of HEIs to: (1) coordinate closely with local and national government agencies responsible for sanitation and waste disposal; (2) inspect and undertake remedial measures where necessary, potable water supply and distribution systems located on campus; and (3) institute appropriate preventive and responsive measures to combat the development and spread of communicable diseases on campus.

Specifically, to prevent and address outbreaks of water and food-borne diseases on HEI premises, heads of HEIs are enjoined to conduct the hereinafter listed activities as part of their student services:

- Monitoring and assurance of potable water supply;
- Maintenance of cleanliness and sanitation of school surroundings, including comfort rooms and canteens;
- Health and sanitation clearances of food handlers;
- Sanitary preparation and serving of foods and beverages; and
- Proper refrigeration of foods.
- Appropriate equipping and supply stocking of school clinics; and
- Conduct of public awareness campaigns, with emphasis on prevention

CHED Regional Directors are hereby directed to monitor compliance of HEIs with this directive and to submit quarterly reports to the Chairman, this Commission.

Issued this 31st day of March 1997 in Pasig City, Philippines.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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